President: Copies of the pamphlets circulated by the State Congress workers will be placed on the table. In that case there will be no necessity for these questions.

Ayurveda Department.

49. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Ayurveda aided hospitals ;

(*b*) the number of Sidha vaidya hospitals ;

(*c*) the number of first grade aided Ayurveda vaidyasalas ;

(*d*) the number of officers of the Ayurveda Department who are qualified in Sidha vaidyam ;

(*e*) whether Ayurveda vaidyans and Sidha vaidyans have treated cholera patients in 1111 ;

(*f*) if so, the number of such patients treated by each class of vaidyans ;

(*g*) whether any amount was spent for cholera relief work in 1111 by the Ayurveda Department; and

(*h*) if so, the amount paid to Ayurveda vaidyans and Sidha vaidyans each ?

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: (*a*) 3.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) 4.

(*d*) 3. Namely, the Honorary Director of Ayurveda,
the Inspector of Ayurveda, and
the Principal of the Government Ayurveda College

all of whom have a fair knowledge of the Sidha system.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) 111 by Ayurveda Vaidyans, and
483 by Sidha Vaidyans.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Rs. 35 to Ayurveda Vaidyans, and
Rs. 150 to Sidha Vaidyans.

Pepper Farm at Konni.

50. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvila** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvella* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the average comparative cost of cultivation and net income of the Government pepper farm at Konni and of a private individual in that locality ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aivar: The average cost of cultivation for the past 12 years has been Rs. 3,643 and the average income during the same period Rs. 1883.

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[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

It has not been possible to ascertain the corresponding figurns of a private individual, as private persons invariably do not keep separate accounts of the various crops cultivated by them.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I have atleast the approximate figures with regard to a private individual's pepper farm ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It has not been possible to collect the figures,

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Is the honourable member aware that the yield from the Government pepper farm is much lower than that of a private individual's farm ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: It may be so.

Mr. K. K Kuruvilla: May I know why there is such superiority in the case of a private individual's produce ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: In a Government farm all sorts of experiments are conducted and it is not run as a commercial concern.

Lemon grass cultivation.

51. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the main source of income to the ordinary agriculturists in the taluks of Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha, is lemon grass oil;

(*b*) the extent of land cultivated with lemon grass in these taluks;

(*c*) whether large quantities of fuel are required for distilling this oil.

(*d*) whether many acres of land are left without the cultivation, due to shortage of fuel;

(*e*) whether they have discovered a less expensive method for extracting this oil without using fuel;

(*f*) whether the Director of Agriculture has ever inspected the lands cultivated with lemon grass in the above taluks, or the instruments used for extracting the oil; and

(*g*) if so, the places he has so inspected ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) Lemon grass cultivation is one of the sources of income to some of the agriculturists in Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha.

(*b*) The extent under lemon grass is not known. Nor is it easily ascertainable ?

(*c*) Fuel is required for distilling lemon grass.

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